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MISSION PROJECT ON HOUSE HOLD FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has launched a three year project on household Food and Nutritional Security;

(b) if so, the details of the objectives thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the productivity of crops cultivated in tribal, hilly and backward areas which are rich in nutrition and capable of surviving in harsh environment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. ICAR has launched Mission Mode project on household Food and Nutritional Security.

(b) Objectives :

i) Increasing production and productivity of life support crop species of pseudocereals, small millet, indigenous pulses, oilseeds and underutilized plants
ii) Horticulture and vegetable gardening for food and nutritional security
iii) Improving livestock productivity in the tribal, backward and hilly areas
iv) Enhancing fresh water fish production and providing food security in tribal, backward and hilly areas
v) Enhancing food and nutritional security through value addition and post harvest management.
vi) Impact assessment of technology interventions and crop diversification in tribal, backward and hilly areas.

(c) Steps taken : A project on Food and Nutritional Security with a budget provision of Rs. 1110.00 lakh has been approved for National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi as a Nodal institute and 43 cooperating centres spread through length and breadth of the country. The activities will cover all the major tribal, hill and backward areas of the country including the North Eastern Hill Regions.The activities will be carried out by over 50 cooperating centres which include SAUs, ICAR Institutes, Central Universities and NGOs.The programme has been drawn keeping in view the need of individual centres/regions representing the different agro-ecosystem. The highest priority has been assigned to the transfer technology related activities and fine-tuning of techniques for effective transfer and adoption.